

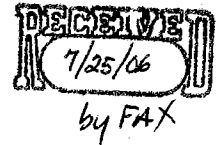
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Marketing Order Administration Branch
Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Stop 0237
Washington, DC 20225-0237

Ref: Support of the rule change for UglyRipe™ Tomato

Dear Docket Clerk,

This letter is to express our desire to be able to have UglyRipe™ tomatoes available to our customers year-round.

Most tomatoes here in the winter time are not edible. However, we were introduced to the UglyRipe™ a few years ago and they have a very delightful taste. Now, why the shape of a tomato would make any difference for shipping out of the state of Florida, however, you run the commission, but my customers here would like a good tasting tomato any time of the year. Please allow the UglyRipe™ to be shipped year round out of Florida to enable us to receive this juicy tomato during the winter months instead of the hard, green, round no tasting tomato.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in making this juicy tomato a year-round reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stanford Steppa".

Stanford Steppa
President
Magruder's Grocery Stores